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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-7, 9, 10 and 15-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3, 8 and 11-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/12/2004.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

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Detailed Action

This Office Action is in response to Applicant's communication filed on 6/26/2007.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Applicant's election with traverse of Group 1, claims 1-3, 8 and 11-14 in the reply filed on 6/26/2007 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the Office Action has not established that it would pose an undue burden to examine the full scope of the claims. This is not found persuasive because the claims of the various groups are divergent in subject matter and are classified separately. The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 4-7, 9-10 and 15-20 are withdrawn from consideration, being drawn to the non-elected subject matter.

IDS

The information disclosure statement filed on 10/12/2004 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Objections: Content of Specification

(b) Cross-References to Related Applications: See 37 CFR 1.78 and MPEP § 201.11.

Content of specification is missing cross-references to related applications.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

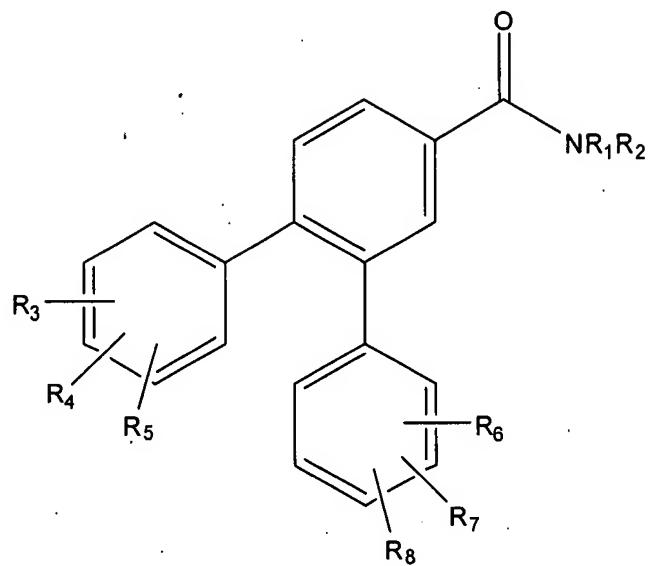
The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

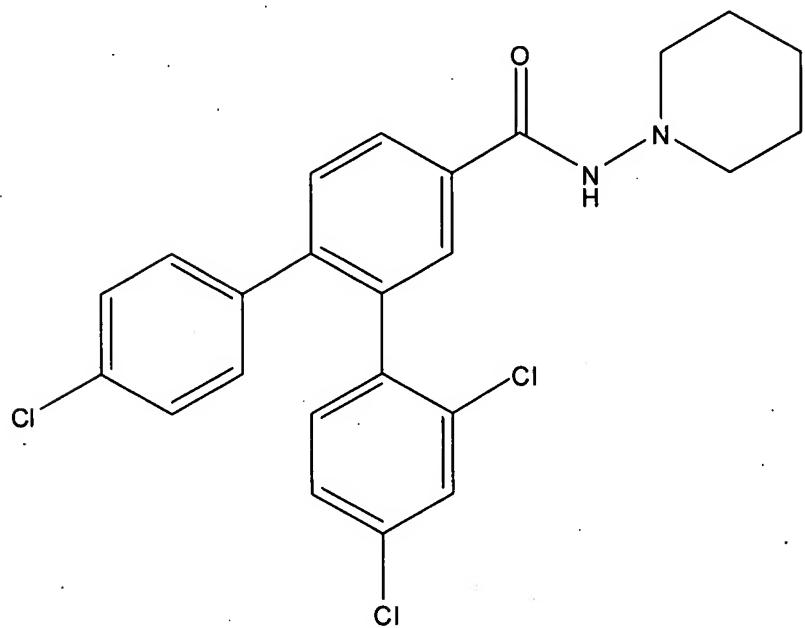
(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-3, 8 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Bass et al. (Pharmacology, Biochemistry & Behavior, 74 (2002) 31-40).

The instant claims are drawn to compounds with the following broad structure, with the limitations from claim 1.



Bass et al. teaches the following compound, which corresponds to Applicant's elected species. Therefore these claims are fully met.



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Applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome this rejection because a translation of said papers has not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. See MPEP § 201.15.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

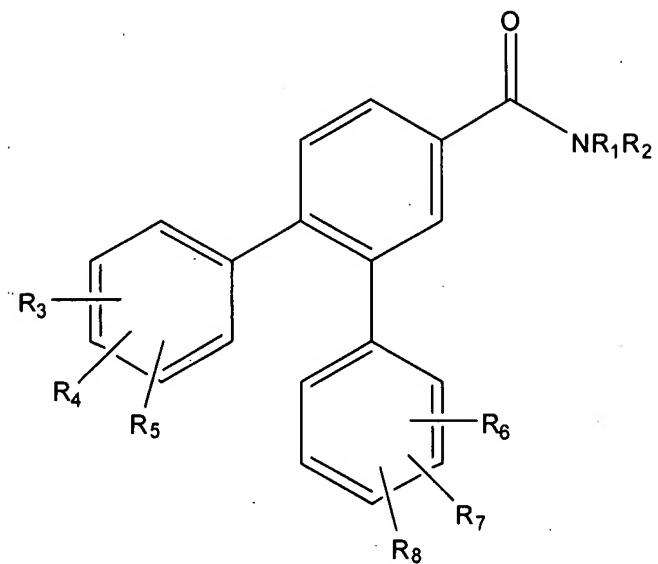
(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tilley et al. (US 4,916,145).

The instant claims are drawn to compounds with the following broad structure, with the limitations from claim 1.



Tilley et al. teaches compounds with the structural limitations shown in column 1, lines 7-55. Furthermore, the art exemplifies an adjacent homolog of Applicant's genus, found in columns 41 and 42, example 46.

Tilley et al. is deficient in the sense that it does not exemplify Applicant's particular species.

However, it would be *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, to determine the appropriate chemical constituents from Tilley et al.'s genus structural limitations, to arrive at Applicant's compounds. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to make the adjacent homologs of the compounds disclosed in Tilley et al., with the reasonable expectation that the compounds would be useful as Platelet Activating Factor antagonists. Absent any showing of unusual and/or unexpected results over Applicant's particular synthetic

route, the art obtains the same terphenyl structure. The expected result would be the efficient production of terphenyl derivatives for the pharmaceutical industry.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer Y. Cho whose telephone number is (571) 272 6246. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM - 6 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached on (571) 272 0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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